

SUNDY CIVIL MEASURE PASSED BY THE HOUSE

Howard University Items Out of
Bill Owing to Sisson's
Objections.

The sundy civil bill passed the House yesterday morning by a vote of 219 to 191. The bill was introduced by Representative Sisson of Mississippi. The unanimous consent request to revert to the matter, made yesterday by Representative Parker of New Jersey, was not granted, owing to the refusal of Representative Sisson to concur. Representative Sisson, in explaining his views to friends who conferred with him on the subject of the bill, said that it was a matter of principle with him, and that he believed no federal appropriations should be granted to any private institutions.

Within Technical Rights. Members of the House appropriations committee believe Representative Sisson was entirely within the technical rights of the point of order, and that the House should not have justified the appropriation of items totaling \$10,000 for Howard University, even though appropriations for the institution have become common custom by reason of thirty years' practice.

However, the friends of the university have already set to work to have the items restored to the bill in the Senate. The House conferees—Representatives Fitzgerald, Sherman and Gillett—are in favor of the items, so there is scarcely any chance that the university will be deprived of the money which it needs.

The sundy civil bill, as it passed the House, aggregates \$125,927,538.

CLASH IN PANAMA.

Soldiers and Policemen Battle, and
Eight Are Killed.

PANAMA, February 13.—A fight between soldiers and native policemen here late tonight resulted, according to first reports of the conflict, in the deaths of five policemen and three soldiers and the wounding of many of the combatants. A carnival is in progress, and many soldiers were on leave to attend the festivities.

AT GET-TOGETHER DINNER.

Mrs. Adriance Hostess to Employees
of Kann's Company.

Mrs. Anna Adriance, buyer for the cloak and suit department of S. Kann, Sons & Co., was hostess at a "get together" dinner for the employees in the cloak and suit department and the workroom. Two men and twenty-five girls and women were her guests.

The men were: Pete Quade, floor manager of the cloak and suit department, and H. Langstream, in charge of the workroom. Among the female guests were five fitter of the workroom, Miss M. Kellar, Miss E. Bryan, Mrs. M. Gibson, Mrs. E. Ruff, Miss P. Goodenough, Miss E. Hammer, Miss Bertha Kelly, Miss A. Hood, Miss M. Nicholson, Mrs. John Allen, Mrs. E. Connel, Miss M. Coxen, Miss S. Constantine, Mrs. J. Offutt, Miss A. Edelherst, Mrs. E. Young, Mrs. S. Shickler, Mrs. M. Glasnow, Miss A. Nicholson and Miss J. Fagan.

NOT SANCTIONED BY LAW.

Government Unable to Purchase
Compilation Prepared by Employee.

Manuscript for the revision of the compilation of customs laws and digest of decisions thereunder, prepared by Thomas J. Doherty, cannot be purchased and paid for by the government, as such compensation is prohibited by law. The manuscript is a government employee as a special attorney in the assistant attorney's office.

Mrs. Doherty compiled the original volume, and has been occupied in his own time in preparing the revision. But the controller of the Treasury, George E. Downey, decides that the law does not permit his compensation for the manuscript.

"It is not desirable to authorize in a mere honorarium case," says Mr. Downey, "that which may be used in other instances for the accomplishment of prohibited results."

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT.

Arrivals. Schooners Thomas H. Kirby, Avalon, Edith Marcy, Hallie K., Beasie Reed and Wilma Florence, in tow from the Lower Potomac, at 11th street wharf market with oysters; Standard Oil Company tank barges No. 3 and No. 52, in bulk from Baltimore to the gas light company; steamer Newport News from Norfolk and Old Point; steamer Frederick B. Barry, from Mattawoman creek and upper river landings; schooner Copia, oysters from the lower Potomac, via Alexandria for the market here; schooner Clara J. Howeth, cord wood from Nomin creek, at 19th street wharf for L. A. Clarke & Son.

Departures.

Schooner Mary Francis, light, for Nanjemoy creek to load cord wood back to this city; steamer Southland, for Old Point and Norfolk with freight and passengers; steamer Northumberland, for landings in the mouth of the river and Baltimore; tank barges No. 2 and No. 52, from this city and Alexandria, light, in tow for Baltimore; powerboat Maude, from Alexandria for a down river point with merchandise.

Tugs and Tows.

Tug Advance is at the capes of the Chesapeake seeking vessels bound to Baltimore; tug M. Mitchell Davis arrived at this city with five oyster-laden craft from the mouth of the river; tug James O. Carter, left for down river seeking lumber-laden schooner for this port; tug Capt. Toby, shifted oil barge from the Eastern branch to Georgetown; tug Eugene, towed pump dredge William A. Smoot from the Eastern branch to Alexandria shipyard; tug Louise arrived from Ocequan towing lighter laden with bricks for the District.

Memoranda.

Schooner Ruth Decker is reported in the river below this city with lumber for Washington dealers; barge Dorchester and Columbia are lying light at Baltimore waiting tug to take them away; schooner Lottie Thomas is at a lower river point to load oysters for the market here; schooner Florence A. is at Baltimore from Clearmont, Va., with lumber; schooner Lewis Worrell is due to sail from Mattox creek for this city with cord wood; schooner Mildred is due to sail from a bay point with railroad ties for dealers here.

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IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED IN ALEXANDRIA COUNTY

Construction of New Road to Mount
Vernon Expected to Begin
This Week.

Extensive public improvements are scheduled for Alexandria county during the coming spring and summer. Some of the improvements planned are being discussed with a reasonable prospect of results.

The coming week will see the beginning of operations, if the weather will permit, on the five-mile stretch of new road to be a part of the Mount Vernon boulevard from Washington to the tomb of Washington. The workmen and material for the work are already being assembled at the south side of the Arlington cemetery reservation and Arlington farm.

The other forward step, now being discussed with promise of success, is provision of fire protection for the county as a whole and for certain closely settled communities. A special meeting of the supervisors has been set for February 23, which is a holiday in Virginia under recent proclamation by Gov. Stuart, for a hearing of the Ballston Citizens' Association for the purchase of fire trucks with centrally located fire stations.

As possible in the three magisterial districts so as to reach fires in practically all parts of the county. Tomorrow a meeting will be held at the courthouse upon call of the citizens' association to provide hand-drawn chemical engines and other apparatus with a suitable shelter at Port Meyer's Heights. Funds have already been raised for this, and the meeting is to arouse public interest and secure united action of all citizens. Commonwealth's Attorney Mackey, County Clerk Rucker, Judge Gordon Finney and other leaders are to speak.

Cherrydale, Clarendon and Ballston already have some fire-fighting apparatus, but all, especially Ballston, are seeking to increase the equipment.

OVERHAUL PLEASURE BOATS.

Owners Getting Craft Ready for
Spring Service.

Many of the pleasure craft owned here will be placed in commission early in the spring, and the owners of these vessels are having them overhauled and made ready to start service. The launch Betty, belonging to Charles Denley, was recently fitted with a new gasoline engine, and when the vessel, a day or two ago, was given a trial trip she was found to be considerably faster and a better handling craft. Mr. Denley will use his boat for cruises on the river and bay in the coming boating season.

Cap. U. S. Berger has his power launch the Olga out at the Potomac Gunning and Fishing Club, foot of 9th street southwest, and in his spare time is making improvements on her that will add to the pleasure of those who will cruise aboard her during the summer months. The vessel will be ready for service in the coming month.

On the Eastern branch the Greenleaf Pleasure Club has its launch, the Greelief, undergoing repairs in preparation for spring service on the river. Capt. Samuel Kidd also has his launch, Hattie K., at an Eastern branch boatyard being made ready to resume service in the next week or two.

ST. JOHNS TO BE SPEEDY.

Good Progress Made in Improving
River Excursion Steamer.

Good progress is being made at the Newport News shipyard in installing the new boilers for the big double-wheel steamer St. Johns of the Colonial Beach line, and she will be ready to return to this city long before the opening of the excursion season in May. The machinery of the St. Johns is to be put in the best of condition, and she will also be fitted with a modern electric lighting plant. It is expected the St. Johns will be one of the speediest boats on the Potomac the coming summer.

Work is being pushed on the boiler repairs to the steamer Volunteer of the Potomac and Chesapeake Company. The vessel, which is expected she will be ready for service in about a week. It is stated she will relieve the steamer Frederick B. Barry on the route between this city and Grindens wharf, Mattawoman creek, so that the latter steamer can be overhauled and put in order for the heavy spring traffic on the river. The steamer Wakefield of the P. & C. fleet is also to be given thorough overhauling and painting for summer service on the Nomin route.

Fifteen million rats have been killed as part of the preventive measures against the spread of plague made by the metropolitan police board of the city of Tokio.

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ROCKVILLE AND COUNTY NEWS ITEMS AND NOTES

Couple From Baltimore Obtains Marriage License, But Re- turns It Unused.

Special Correspondence of The Star. ROCKVILLE, Md., February 13.—Dr. Wilford Anderson Council, twenty-four years old, who has been practicing medicine in Baltimore only a few weeks, and Miss Hazel Delle Scobell, aged twenty-one, also of Baltimore, obtained a marriage license here yesterday afternoon. An hour or so later the young physician returned the unused license to the clerk of the court, got back his dollar and the couple left town, showing every indication of being a much disappointed pair.

A disruption of the young couple's matrimonial plans was brought about by the unwillingness of the newspaper correspondents to grant a request to "keep it out of the papers." The only reason assigned for the desire for secrecy was that there was "some parental objection," the basis of which was not disclosed.

Reception at Rectory.

Rev. Thomas A. Haughton-Burke, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Haughton-Burke gave a reception to the members of the congregation in the rectory Thursday evening to the members of the congregation. In the receiving line were Rev. and Mrs. Haughton-Burke, Mrs. John McDonald, Miss Marie Hogg, Mrs. James W. McFarland, Thomas Dawson and Thomas C. Groome.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Just Government League of Montgomery County, Mrs. Lewis W. Call of Garrett Park was chosen secretary in place of Mrs. E. W. Koch, who will soon remove to Minnesota. Mrs. Joseph G. Gurley of Garrett Park was named chairman of the literature committee.

Lee Ambition No Surprise.

The announcement of Senator Blair Lee that he will seek the democratic gubernatorial nomination this year occasioned little surprise in this county, where it became known some weeks ago that he had the matter under consideration and was inclined to enter the fight. His decision was especially gratifying to the senator's followers in this county, who claim his candidacy will prove of great assistance to all the Lee candidates for the many nominations to be made in the county the coming summer.

James J. Hill Buys Cattle.

James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, recently purchased from Mrs. Clarence Moore, who owns the Rock Creek stock farm, near Kensington, this county, fourteen head of the famous Dexter cattle, which have been shipped to St. Paul, Minn. The Moore herd of Dexters is one of three herds of such cattle in the United States, and it is understood the stock brought a fancy price. The sale was negotiated by Dr. T. Alexander Geddes of Kensington, who is regarded an expert judge of blooded stock, and who has imported into this country from Europe many fine herds. The herd sold by Mrs. Moore was bought by Dr. Geddes in 1906, and he has since ago, Mr. Hill will, it is understood, distribute the cattle among farmers living along the lines of his roads in the northwest for breeding purposes. They are small of frame, black in color, hardy by nature and have wide extended horns. They are celebrated for their milk and cream producing qualities. They will withstand exposure to extreme cold and thrive under conditions regarded in this section as unfavorable for dairy farming.

The young men of Germantown and vicinity gave a valentine dance in the town hall at Germantown last evening, a large number of guests from this county and elsewhere attending. Richard L. Waters was chairman of the committee on arrangements and the patronesses were Mrs. W. William Baker, Mrs. Harry M. Boland, Mrs. Richard L. Waters, Mrs. John W. Henderson, Mrs. Bowles F. Waters and Mrs. James H. Jones.

Miss Evelyn Ward entertained at a valentine party at her home near Gaithersburg last evening the members of the Pancy Work Club of Gaithersburg and a few other friends, about twenty guests being present.

Transfers of real estate were recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court here during the week as follows: Augustus Gussart, thirty-four acres, Charles E. King to John B. King, 133 acres; Sarah E. Davis to Americus D. Crundie, 170 acres; Clarence H. Hoskinson to H. P. Crist, twenty-five and a quarter acres; H. P. Crist to Clarence H. Hoskinson, property at Woodmont; John

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L. Luckett to Granston Davis, five and a quarter acres; Alfred E. Hall to Daniel Collins, lot at Glen Echo; R. Clayton Windham, lot at Edgewood; National City Real Estate Corporation to Ira G. McBerth, property in Bradley Hills; L. S. Lyon to National City Real Estate Corporation, lot at Edgewood; National City Real Estate Corporation to Francis B. Poe, two lots at Edgewood; Leroy S. Lyons to Francis B. Poe, lot at Edgewood.

Brothers Are Arrested.

Reginald and Mack Carlisle, brothers of Germantown, this county, are in jail charged with entering the meathouse of Harry M. Boland, at Germantown, and stealing a quantity of meat. They will be given a preliminary hearing in the police court here next week.

Mrs. Carlton N. Echison entertained at her home at Gaithersburg last evening the members of the Montgomery Camp Club and a few other friends, about twenty guests being present.

George W. Allen, twenty-one years old, and Miss Virginia E. Scott, aged twenty, both of Ballston, Va., were married in Rockville this afternoon, leaving for Washington immediately afterward.

Admission to marry were issued here this afternoon to Mervin E. Tabor of Washington, and Miss Lila F. Haines of Washington, and Miss Jessie R. Bissett of this county.

BISHOP COUNCIL ENDS.

African M. E. Church Leaders Urge
Standardizing Schools.